



THE MESSENGER

GROWING IN MISSION: STEWARDSHIP 2016



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ALABAMA

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Dear Cathedral Family,

You have been remarkable stewards of the gifts God has given you this year. The year 2015 has been an extraordinary time in our shared life at Christ Church Cathedral. The election in February of The Reverend James Russell Kendrick to be the fourth bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast was followed by months of intense planning, preparation, and service for the Consecration Celebration, held July 24-26 here at the Cathedral and in Expo Hall of the Mobile Civic Center. The Cathedral Family, joined by Episcopalians from throughout the diocese, offered a tremendous outpouring of time, talent, and treasure for the building up of the mission of the Church. I believe that this experience has been a watershed moment in our spiritual growth as the Cathedral church of the diocese.

Through the months of summer, when attendance and activity and giving normally wane, our numbers held steady in every respect and even surged ahead in some! I continue to give thanks on a daily basis for the amazing self-giving of the Cathedral Family this year.

Once the dust started to settle following the consecration and we began planning for the program year ahead, it quickly became apparent that this continues to be a “not business as usual” time in the life of the Cathedral Family. As your leadership looked toward the annual stewardship campaign for 2016, we decided to take a slightly different approach to our usual every member canvass. In acknowledgement of your ongoing commitment to supporting the mission and ministries of Christ Church Cathedral, this year’s pledge campaign, *Growing Our Mission*, will rely primarily on a personal letter from me (with enclosed pledge card) asking for your continued financial support of our ministries.

There is a three-fold challenge to growth in this year’s campaign. First, for those of you who routinely make and fulfill a pledge of support, I am asking that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 1% or more (out of your adjusted gross income) for 2016. Second, for those of you who give regularly, but who do not always complete a pledge card, I am asking that you fill out and submit an estimate of your giving for the (continued on page 2)

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:00 A.M.

Join us for the Festival Eucharist and Stewardship Ingathering
followed by a Celebration follows in the garden

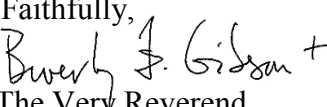
A STEWARDSHIP LETTER

upcoming year as an aid to our planning for ministries in the year ahead. (And I would also challenge you to consider increasing your present giving by 1% or more.) Third, for those of you who have felt unable to make a pledge in previous years, I am asking that you begin the discipline of making a commitment this year, at whatever level you can begin.

When you receive your letter in the mail, you will be asked to return the enclosed pledge card within two weeks. Once that time has passed, if we have not heard from you, you will receive a call or visit from a member of our stewardship leadership team. Our goal is to have all pledges in hand by All Saints' Sunday, November 1. This will allow us to plan our programs and budget for the upcoming year.

This special stewardship issue of *The Messenger* material designed to help in your prayerful consideration of your personal stewardship. A personal stewardship worksheet will be enclosed with the letter you receive from me. In addition, those of you who give regularly will soon receive your third quarterly statement for the year; this will include a summary of your support of the Cathedral over the past three years as an aid to your stewardship consideration.

God has entrusted this great historic sacred place to our care; the responsibility for its preservation, its presence as a vital force in the community, and above all for its growth in mission of serving our Lord rests with each of us. I will be praying in the month ahead for our continued growth as stewards of the gifts God has given us and for our growth in mission and ministry.

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend
Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., Dean

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, your loving hand has given us all that we possess; give us grace to become faithful stewards of your bounty and to honor you by returning to you what is needed for the growth of the mission entrusted to us as Christ Church Cathedral; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8,11-12

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

*JESUS' TEACHINGS
RELATED TO STEWARDSHIP*
Presented by Dean Gibson

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS MAILED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

*THE TITHE AS
GOD'S MEASURE*
Presented by Dean Gibson
*STEWARDSHIP LEADERSHIP
CONTACTS BEGIN*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

*PROPORTIONAL GIVING AS
OUR FAITHFUL,
GROWING RESPONSE*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

*INGATHERING &
CELEBRATION*

3rd quarter giving statements will be sent in early October. Enclosed in the statement is a summary of the last three years of giving as an aid to preparing your annual pledge.



JESUS' TEACHINGS RELATED TO STEWARDSHIP

Conversations about stewardship (being caretakers of the household of God) usually begin by acknowledging the reality that all things come from God and that out of gratitude and obedience we return a portion of those gifts to God. This is certainly true, and later this month we will consider how the “tithe” arises from this truth.

Today, however, our conversation begins with considering how our identity in Jesus Christ should guide our approach to stewardship. Consistently throughout the gospel accounts of his ministry on earth, Jesus instructs those who would follow him about his essential desire and requirement for disciples: he wants all of you, every bit of your life, to belong to him. He warns his followers repeatedly of the dangers of possessions. Although not evil in themselves, possessions are powerful distractions from living as disciples.

Consider Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler in *Luke 18:18-25*. To this good, righteous man, Jesus says that there is one more thing he must do: “Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

In the days ahead, please spend some time reading the Bible and prayerfully considering what the following passages suggest to you about living your life as a follower of Christ.

✦ “Treasure in heaven” and the pitfalls of possessions form the subjects of these passages: *Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:33-34; Mark 10:21; Acts 2:45; Acts 4:32-35*. What do you think Jesus means by “treasure in heaven”? If possessions are not evil in themselves, then how are we to think of and deal with them?

✦ Jesus teaches about fear and anxiety concerning how we will live in these passages: *Luke 12:2-9, 22-31; Matthew 10:29-36; Matthew 6:25-33*. Why do you think Jesus counsels us about the dangers of trusting in financial security? What is the alternative way of trusting that he emphasizes? (Consider here the parables of the prepared slaves and housebreaking in *Luke 12:35-38* and *Matthew 25:1-3, Luke 12:39-40* and *Matthew 24:43-44*, respectively.)

✦ In the Temple, Jesus observes the widow's offering: *Luke 21:1-4; Mark 12:41-44*. What does Jesus suggest God expects of us?

WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST EXPECT OF US AS STEWARDS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD?

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA

SUNDAY AFTERNOON EUCHARIST IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, & 25
at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Come experience a quiet afternoon liturgy at the Cathedral. This will be a more relaxed worship experience than the one at 10:00 a.m., with a different musical style and some of the alternative liturgies approved by The Episcopal Church. The meditations and music will be beautiful and thought-provoking. These services will feature scripture, poetry, musical reflections, and prayers with Dean Gibson. Hear our Cathedral musicians in new and inventive ways.



A Message from the Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

While much attention during October is directed to our stewardship campaign, life still goes on in the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral. We continue to do the things that our stewardship supports!

One significant new ministry begins in October: we will have an additional worship service, meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel on the Sundays of October. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist using a more contemporary form, from the *Enriching Our Worship* supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*. This service is intended to be less formal, more relaxed than our primary service on Sunday mornings, and it will feature easily sung Taize-style music, led by Christopher and Katie Powell and a few members of the Cathedral choir. Our aim is to create a sacred space at the close of the day in which to thank God for the week that was and to dedicate ourselves to being followers of Christ in the week ahead. It should be a good way to prepare for work and school and the challenges that begin on Monday morning. Dress is casual. Please invite friends and neighbors and anyone who is curious about Christ Church Cathedral or the Episcopal Church but perhaps intimidated by or unable to attend on Sunday morning.

Another (relatively) new event in October is the outreach fundraiser

brunch produced by our confirmation and youth Christian formation classes on Sunday, October 18 after morning worship. The proceeds from this event will go to fund the ACT/SAT preparation classes and testing fees for the Kappa League of Mobile. These young men, led by Carl Cunningham, Jr., will join us for worship and brunch that Sunday, and you will have the opportunity to learn more about this wonderful program for raising up young leaders. You will find more information about it in this *Messenger*. Tickets are available from any of our young people, and sponsorships are welcome.

Every Sunday just before lining up for the procession, our acolytes and I pray together. We ask for God's blessing in our worship, and we acknowledge before God that as we serve we also lead, joyfully yet reverently. I am very proud of our young people—as leaders in worship, as leaders in outreach, as leaders in discipleship. And I am thankful for the many faithful adults who minister with them. Please keep them all in your prayers of thanksgiving and offer them your support at every opportunity.

Faithfully,
Beverly F. Gibson
The Very Reverend
Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., Dean



Invocation for Opening of Gulf Quest Maritime Museum

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson was invited to present the invocation to the Gulf Quest Museum for both the gala on Thursday, September 24 and again for the public opening on Saturday, September 26.

Eternal Father, you alone spread out the heavens and rule the sea. How great are your works! In wisdom you have made them all: the earth is full of your riches. So is this great and wide sea, this Gulf of Mexico, with its innumerable creatures, great and small. There go the ships and those that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders of the deep. Take into your almighty and most gracious protection all that live and move there. Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the earth. Pour out your blessing on all who turn to you, and most especially today upon this museum dedicated to honoring your works of the sea. Shield your children and all your creatures from all danger; protect them wherever they go, that forever we shall raise to you glad hymns of praise from land and sea. All this we ask of You, who live and reign in glory everlasting.

AMEN.

A Message from the Canon Pastor

Dear Cathedral Family,

I am happy to report that we are off and running with our Christian Formation offerings, the Fun Club, and EYC. Since Rally Day, our Sunday School classes have begun meeting, and we are starting to hit our stride. I am so thankful for all of our teachers, who are giving of their time and talents. Our Fun Club has started off the year with a trek to Heroes and the downtown miniature golf course. The Fun Clubbers had a great time, and we had some new parents helping chaperone. The EYC has already made a trip to Beckwith for an afternoon of fun, and they have played a live-action game of Clue with the youth at Trinity Episcopal Church. This month, the Fun Club will enjoy some time at the new GulfQuest Musuem, and the EYC will head over the bay for some bowling and laser tag.

What I am looking forward to this month is our youth confirmation outreach project. Last spring, the youth confirmation class had a pancake breakfast to benefit the Fuse Project. That event was a success, thanks to all of you in the Cathedral Family. This year the youth confirmands want to help the young men of the Kappa League by having a brunch following the church service on October 18. The Kappa League is a group that helps approximately eighty Mobile County African-American young men develop life skills so they can become “successful gifts to the world.” Their website www.mobilekappaleague.org tells the whole story. The goal of our youth project is to raise funds for the Kappa League members to prepare for and take college entrance exams such as the ACT and SAT. The Cathedral’s own, Carl Cunningham, Jr., works with these young men. The stories that he has related are amazing. I hope that you will get to hear some of the stories and spend some time with these young men on October 18.

I hope that some of our junior and senior high students will ask you all to support this event by purchasing \$8 tickets. They will be out at church making sales. They will also be the ones serving that Sunday. Sponsorships are available, and if you are interested in supporting in that capacity, please contact me at your convenience.

Have a great October everyone, and I will see you at church!

Faithfully,

The Reverend Canon Daniel A. Wagner

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Eternal light, shine in my heart;
Eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
Eternal power, be my support;
Eternal wisdom, make me wise.*

Christopher Idle (b. 1938); from a
prayer of Alcuin (c. 735-804)



As the month of October arrives, we find ourselves deeply rooted in the rhythm of the fall season. This is one of my favorite months of the year because, while we are still firmly in the *after Pentecost* season of Ordinary Time (or Trinity, if you will), there is a sense of growing energy as we approach the end of the calendar year and all the special days it brings. The beginning of October is a time of relative calm, but toward the end of the month, we anticipate All Saints' Sunday. The music ministry has already begun rehearsals for All Saints' and even Lessons and Carols in December. We are very enthusiastic about the great music in store on these special days.

This year will probably be remembered as a year of transition and loss for the church music community. McNeil Robinson, one of New York City's greatest organist/choirmasters, John Scott, former organist/choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral in London and St. Thomas Church in New York, and David Willcocks, former choirmaster of King's College, Cambridge, have all passed away this year. The fact that so many great musicians have passed so quickly definitely leaves a sense of loss for church musicians everywhere. There is an awareness that the world of sacred music has gotten a bit quieter. Of course, people will rise to pick up the torch, and things will go on. However, in reflecting on the death of these great musicians, I am drawn to think of the final resurrection of the dead. In memory of John Scott, I composed a new hymn tune, *Scott*, that sets the text, *Eternal light, shine in my heart*, by Christopher Idle. The second and third verses are especially poignant. It will be sung by the Cathedral Choir on October 4th. Our fall and winter liturgical holidays lie just around the bend, and then the new year brings new blessings shortly thereafter. The hymn text below offers us encouragement to never lose hope and to keep pushing toward our ultimate goal.

*Eternal life, raise me from death;
Eternal brightness, help we see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath;
Eternal Savior, come to me:*

*Until by your most costly grace,
Invited by your holy word,
At last I come before your face
To know you, my eternal God.*

There is another choral piece, sung by a women's trio from the choir, that is very appropriate for this time of year. *How Can I Keep From Singing?* is a Quaker-style hymn that was actually written by an American Baptist minister, Robert Wadsworth Lowry (1826-1899). The first verse is printed below. It reminds us of the natural flow of one season to another, and it assures us of the eternity of God expressed in heavenly music.

*My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;
Thro' all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?*

Finally, October is an exciting month because of a new series of afternoon services in the chapel. Come enjoy something different at 4:00 p.m. every Sunday in October. These services will feature music of the Taizé Community and a meditative and relaxed atmosphere. As weather grows cooler and we accelerate toward fall and winter activities, don't forget to come to church to experience assurance of eternal life and some "endless song."

In Christ,

Christopher W. Powell
Organist and Choirmaster

cpowell@christchurchcathedralmobile.org

After the 10:00 a.m. Service

Enjoy a delicious brunch served by our youth on Sunday, October 18 following the service. Tickets are \$8 each and are available from any middle or high school student or in the Cathedral office. The \$100 sponsorship includes four brunch tickets that will be waiting for you at the brunch. If you would like to become a sponsor, please call Canon Wagner or place your check, with the notation Kappa League Brunch, in the alms basin on Sunday.

Our goal is to raise \$3000, the Kappa League budget for ACT/SAT college entrance exam preparation and testing for Kappa League members.

What is the Kappa League?

The Elite Chapter of the Mobile Kappa League is known for producing some of the top male students in the city of Mobile and surrounding communities. The Mobile Kappa League currently consists of 84 young men in grades 9-12 throughout Mobile County.

The minimum requirement to become a member of the Mobile Kappa League is a "c" average. Their objective is to take young men where they are and to cultivate them to be highly successful gifts to the world. After an intensive interview process, the Kappa Leaguers select their members.

Since 2002, The Elite Chapter of the Mobile Kappa League has ranked #1 among Kappa League programs throughout the country. The Mobile Kappa League set the trend and continues to set trends regarding Kappa League programs throughout the nation. The Elite Chapter of the Mobile Kappa League also has garnered over \$20,000,000 in scholarships. For more information go to their website: www.mobilekappaleague.org.

Meet Two Kappa League Men

My name is Avery Grier and I am a student athlete at Murphy High School. I am 15 years old and I am in the 10th grade. I currently play football and run track for Murphy High School. I want to first thank the Christ Church Cathedral family for supporting the Mobile Kappa League.



Like some of my Kappa League brothers, I did not have a very nice childhood. I had a father that was sent to prison when I was five years old and he just recently got out. He was a big drug dealer around Atlanta, Georgia. When he went to prison my family could not stay in the city because of the people he owed. We were afraid that we would be killed.



Avery Grier, Murphy High School

Through those tough times my family was always moving. I had very little stability in my life. Around my seventh grade year, we moved to Mobile, Alabama. When I first heard about the Elite Chapter of Mobile Kappa League, I wanted to be a member. I patiently waited through my seventh and eighth grade years to finally interview for the program my ninth grade year. When I

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THE CATHEDRAL
CHAPTER

2015

Robert Willis Israel
Senior Warden

Hetty Cunningham Newell
Charles Stephen McKay
Junior Wardens

William Kennon Drew
Treasurer

Harwell Ellis Coale, Jr.
Chancellor

Ronald A. Snider
Clerk

Class of 2015

John D. Davidson
Mary Esther T. Elliott
Banks C. Ladd
Alison S. Mitchell
Lucy F. Moore
Henry R. Seawell IV

Class of 2016

Sage M. Bolt
Lewis H. Golden
George B. Inge
Robert W. Israel
Charles S. McKay
Hetty C. Newell

Class of 2017

V. Lyn Bennett
Cartledge W. Blackwell III
Steven B. Hall
Barbara L. Mitchell
Margaret M. Thigpen
Thomas B. Van Antwerp

Chapter Members

Mendy Henderson, 2016
St. Agatha's, deFuniak Springs
Gary Moore, 2017
St. Paul's, Daphne
The Rev. Aaron Smith, 2018
St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs

Sunday, December 7
Annual Parish Meeting
with Vestry and
Convention Delegate Elections

The meeting will take place during coffee hour.

The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate for the vestry class of 2018, and a slate of delegates to our diocesan convention February 18-20 at St. Paul's, Daphne.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL VESTRY

Left to right: Banks Ladd, Mary Esther Elliott, Lucy Moore, Chuck McKay (Junior Warden), Barbara Mitchell, Hetty Newell (Junior Warden), Lyn Bennett, Bob Israel (Senior Warden), John Davidson, Sage Bolt, Margaret Thigpen, Dean Gibson, Alison Mitchell

Not pictured: Harwell Coale (Chancellor), Kennon Drew (Treasurer), Ron Snider (Clerk), Cart Blackwell, Lewis Golden, Steve Hall, George Inge, Henry Seawell, Tom Van Antwerp

Vestry Nominating Committee

Graduating Vestry Class

Please direct to these individuals your nominations for candidates to fill 6 vestry positions.

John D. Davidson	Alison S. Mitchell
Mary Esther T. Elliott	Lucy F. Moore
Banks C. Ladd	Henry R. Seawell IV

The Dean's Appointed Members

Lucy B. Brady	Tom F. Garth
Ginny M. Behlen	Lucy R. Lyons
W. Kennon Drew	Robby C. McClure, Jr.

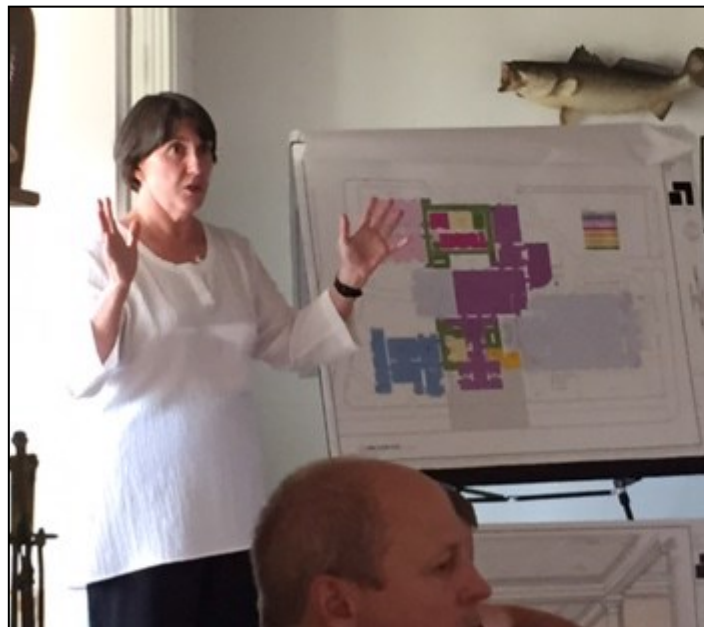
Vestry Elections 2016

Requirement of Vestry Members

- ✦ To be a confirmed communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, 18 years of age or older.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church, including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that Christ Church Cathedral Vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving; to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to work personally toward the tithe.

Responsibilities of Vestry Members

*Resolution of Christ Church Cathedral Vestry
approved on October 10, 2005*



Dean Gibson speaking at the vestry workshop in August.

- ✦ To live a daily life reflecting the Christian faith; to strive to grow spiritually through worship, prayer, and educational opportunities.
- ✦ To participate faithfully in the worship of the church.
- ✦ To attend vestry and chapter meetings and retreats.
- ✦ To work for unity among the clergy, vestry and congregation through open communication; to accept the position of vestry member as an opportunity to serve our Lord.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that the Christ Church Cathedral vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving and encourages the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to be working toward the tithe.
- ✦ To accept the role of leadership, work diligently and congenially at assigned tasks, and seek out ways to improve the Cathedral Church including:
 - ~ To make new and regular members and visitors feel welcome through personal greetings, visits, and an invitation to participate in activities of interest to them, and
 - ~ To encourage all members of the congregation to become a part of activities and ministries of the church and to attend parish meetings.

2016 Diocesan Convention Delegates

Requirements of Convention Delegates

- ✦ To be a confirmed communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, 18 years of age or older.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church, including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that Christ Church Cathedral Vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving; to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to work personally toward

Resolution Concerning Convention Delegates

Resolution to Christ Church Cathedral Vestry approved on November 20, 2011

Rather than electing a new slate of four (4) persons to serve in this capacity each year, the terms of service will be staggered among the delegates. One (1) person will be elected each year to rotate onto our delegation for a 4-year term. This will allow for both continuity of experience and service within the delegation, while allowing more people to participate in this important ministry.

October Christian Formation Calendar

Sunday, October 4

Acolyte Training is open for a children and youth (Kindergarten and up). All children in those grades are asked to attend—those who serve regularly and those who have never served. The group will meet in church following the service.

Sunday, October 11

Curriculum for all children and youth classes

Sunday, October 18

Kappa League Brunch—get your tickets today!

Sunday, October 25

Curriculum for all children and youth classes

October Episcopal Youth Community

The goal of EYC is to provide our youth with a safe, joyful environment where they can explore their faith and build friendships.

Sunday, October 11

The EYC will travel to Eastern Shore Lanes to enjoy some food, fellowship, bowling, and laser tag! The approximate cost is \$28. For more information, see Canon Wagner or Sarah Bolt. Please RSVP to Canon Wagner by Friday, October 9.

Sunday, October 18

Kappa League Brunch Outreach Event

Sunday, October 25

Gospel of John Movie and Discussion

Fun Club

Sunday, October 25

Fun Clubbers will go out for lunch and then visit the GulfQuest Museum. More information to follow. We are looking for parents/chaperones to join the group. If you are available, please contact Cn. Wagner.

Confirmation Schedule

**Regular Confirmation Classes are held in the Cathedral Office*

Sunday, October 18

Brunch in support of the Kappa League

This is the required Confirmation Outreach Project.

Sunday, October 25

Session II*—Teaching, Fellowship, Bread, Prayers

EYC—Following class, the class will join EYC to enjoy lunch and to watch a Gospel of John movie and have discussion



Safeguarding God's Children

We will endeavor this fall to have all of our Sunday School teachers and nursery workers trained on best practices for caring for our children. Our teachers and childcare providers are entrusted to educate and care for our children. They cultivate love and respect, minister to them, and represent Christ, the universal church, and our parish.

The goal of the program is to keep our children safe and to help teachers be aware of the signs of abuse. The program is administered and taken on-line at an individual pace. Canon Wagner is our designated administrator. He will be in contact with our teachers and staff and he will oversee our progress. Canon Wagner is available to speak with you if you have questions.

New Presiding Bishop on All Saints' Day

The Episcopal Church's General Convention made history June 27 when it chose Diocese of North Carolina Bishop Michael Curry to be its 27th presiding bishop. A liturgy marking the beginning of Curry's ministry as presiding bishop and primate will be celebrated Nov. 1, All Saints Day at Washington National Cathedral. He will serve a nine-year term that officially begins that day. Curry will succeed current Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori



The Episcopal News Service

Curry, 62, was elected by the House of Bishops from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. He received 121 votes of a total 174 cast. The number of votes needed for election was 89. Curry's election was confirmed an hour later by the House of Deputies, as outlined in the church's canons, by a vote of 800 to 12.

Episcopal Church Q and A's

When did the Episcopal Church start?

It started when the United States started in 1789. Members of the Church of England started a new, independent church to go along with their new, independent country, and it was based on a lot of the same principles. While we are self-governing, the Episcopal Church maintains a relationship, based on common faith, traditions, history, and use of the Book of Common Prayer, with the Church of England and more than 30 other Anglican churches all over the world. All churches in this tradition make up the Anglican Communion.

~The Rev. Catherine Anne Caimano

Annual Parish Directory

You will find a copy of the 2015 Parish directory enclosed in this *The Messenger*. Additional copies are available on the Ministry Table and in the Cathedral office.

The directory contains names of parish members, friends of the Cathedral, and Chapter members. We have worked to confirm address and telephone changes, but sometimes changes occur that we have missed. Please contact the Cathedral office immediately if we have made an error on your family's listing. And, please remember throughout the year to keep the Cathedral office apprised of any changes. There is a change of address form in the back of the directory.

If you have children who are out of town (including those in college), send us their email and physical addresses, and we will stay in contact with them.

We will print corrections in the November *The Messenger* so that you may mark them in your directory.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER CLUB

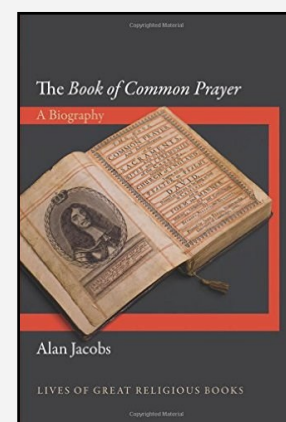
**Thursday, October 22
6:30 p.m.**

BYOB and a small appetizer

Home of
Chambliss and David Brister

RSVP to Chambliss at
chambliss.keith@gmail.com
or 680-8661

CATHEDRAL READ



*The Book of Common
Prayer: A Biography*
by Alan Jacobs

The group will meet Sundays,
November 8 and 15 during
Christian Education time in the
library. Books are available in
the Cathedral office for \$20 each.

MORNING CIRCLE

**Monday, October 12
10:30 a.m.**

At the home of
Carolyn Stephenson
161-B No. McGregor Avenue
Leader: Mary Cook

For more information, please
contact Carolyn Stephenson
at 342-5637.



Save the Dates

Sundays in October
Holy Eucharist at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18
Kappa League Brunch

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Sunday and
Cathedral Celebration

Sunday, November 22
United Thank Offering Ingathering

Sunday, November 29
Advent Lessons and Carols
4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 6 through
Thursday, December 17**
Threads of Hope—Arpilleras
Look for a special surprise this year!

Wednesdays, December 9
Noon
Advent Music Concerts and Luncheon
The Mithril Duo

Wednesday, December 16
Noon
Advent Music Concerts and Luncheon
Gosha Leska and Katherine Powell

Sunday, December 20
10:00 a.m.
Christmas Pageant

All Saints' Sunday—November 1

*We give thanks for those who have gone before us
in faithful love and service to the Lord.*

Clinton Bowen Agee
James Clarence Bledsoe, Jr.
Joseph Hunt Booth, Sr.
Jim Botts
Resa Chappelle
Molly Ann DuBose
William Edgar Ezell III
Sandy Fortner
Peggy Sanford Garner
Humphrey Godfroy
Bill Goodloe
Jim Hancken
Cohen Elizabeth Harkins
Marie Harrison
Shelton Hendrix
Janie Houser
Anne Mandeville Inge
The Reverend Coleman Inge
Herndon Inge, Jr.
Sallie Jackson
Toni Kalifeh
Dottie McCord
Michael McMaken

The Rev. Jack Miller
William Carroll Neel
Sheri Neely
Naomi Grace O'Brien
Bonnie Orillion
Paul Parham
Sidney Clarke Phillips, Jr.
Lily Lea Verneville Pittman
Jean Bowen Price
John Aduston Rogers IV
Beverly Schubert
Sue Shivers
Vieva Steele
Doug Tappan
Nicole Teague
William Jefferson Terry
Betty Brown Thomas
Billie Ruth van der Giessen
Peter Christian van der Giessen
Andrew Walton
Viva Weeks
The Rev. Mark Wilson
David Zimlich

*This is a list of those who died after All Saints' Day 2014
and that were published in The Messenger.*

Memorial Names for All Saints' Sunday

List memorial names for the service Sunday, November 1.
Please denote those who died after November 1, 2014.

Correspondence

Dear Beverly,

Thank you so much for participating in our first annual Women's Forum. You have a powerful and compelling story to tell. Bradley and I really appreciate your willingness to share it with others.

Thank you for all that you do for our community. We are grateful for your leadership and commitment to progress in this special place we call home.

Warm regards, Rebecca [Byrne]

Dear Reverend Gibson,

I wanted to personally thank you for your continued support of Victory [Health Partners]. Your prayers and financial support are essential for us to fulfill God's command.

God Bless, Indeed! Robert D. Lightfoot, M.D.

Dear Beverly,

On behalf of the Bishop...and Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center, we offer you our sincere thanks for your recent donation...Your donation [to BayLights] will make a real difference in continued growth and development of our ministry to youth and adults who visit.

Thank you for the Mardi Gras Party donation. It is a perfect item to our silent auction.

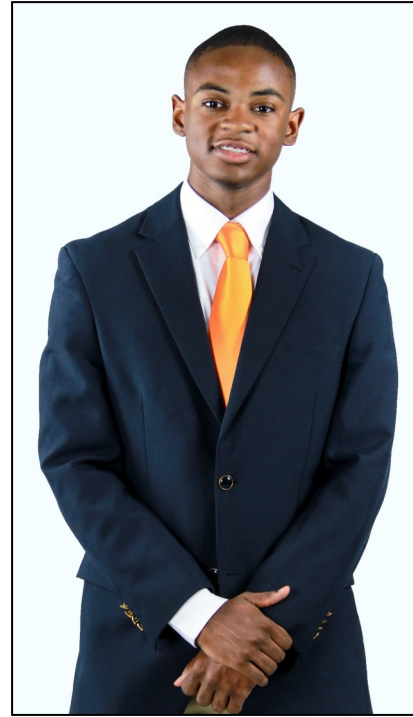
Blessings, Eleanor

(A Cursillo group purchased the party scheduled for January 22, 2016)

Meet Two Kappa League Men *continued from page 7*

received the news I was selected, I was extremely happy but I did not know how the Mobile Kappa League would impact my life. Ever since I have been a member of the Mobile Kappa League, many things have changed in my life. People around me and even teachers realized my new way of living, which was being respectful and responsible. People look at me in a different way now; not just as a student, not just as a person, but as a Mobile Kappa Leaguer. Some of my friends tried to pressure me not to join the Mobile Kappa League but I wanted a better life and lifestyle for myself and my future family.

I plan to attend Louisiana State University, attend medical school, and then do my residency to become an orthopedic surgeon. Without Kappa League I would not even have these plans. I think my future plans without Kappa League would not be as huge or as ambitious if it was not for my advisors. I look at life in a different way since being a member of the Kappa League. It made me realize that I am not a regular person anymore. I am a member of the Elite Chapter of the Mobile Kappa League which stands for being responsible, respectful, a gentleman, and "A Kut Above."



Hello!!! My name is Paul Lockett and I am a tenth grader at Murphy High School. I am the current Treasurer for the Mobile Kappa League Leadership Development program. I started a club at Murphy High School

Paul Lockett, Murphy High School for recycling through Keep Mobile Beautiful. I am on track to enter the International Baccalaureate Program at Murphy High school next year. Other clubs I participate in are S.W.A.T (Students Working Against Tobacco), Student Government Association, the Presidential Debate Club, and Asian Cultural Club. I joined the Mobile Kappa League a year after my father died of lung cancer. Between the time of his death and me finding my way to the Mobile Kappa League, I had a very nihilistic outlook on life. When I began to find the brotherhood and male mentorship that the Kappa league offers, I became more ambitious and confident with every passing day. I am really thankful for my advisors and the men of the Mobile Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. I aspire to attend an institution of higher education and to become an Environmental Engineer or an Entrepreneur. All of the Mobile Kappa Leaguers are thankful for the support of Christ Church Cathedral.



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Dean Emeritus Cook to serve as Interim Priest Associate at St. James', Fairhope

Beginning October 1, The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook, Dean Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral will join the St. James' ministry team part time as Interim Priest Associate. He will be assisting Father Don Smith in his day to day duties during the week as well as sharing the celebrant and preacher roles on Sunday mornings. On January 1, Dean Cook will become Interim Rector.

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The Mobile Christian-Jewish Dialogue

Amy-Jill Levine

Thursday, October 8

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

St. Paul's, Daphne

*Understanding Jesus Means
Understanding Judaism*

Friday, October 9

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Springhill Avenue Temple

*How Jews and Christians
Misunderstand Each Other*

Saturday, October 10

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ahavas Chesed Synagogue

*Speaking of the Middle East: Jews
and Christians in Conversation*

Saturday, October 10

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Our Savior Catholic Church

*Of Pearls and Prodigals: Hearing
Jesus' Parables through Jewish
Ears*

Sunday, October 11

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Mobile

*Understanding Jesus in His Jewish
Context*

11:00 a.m. Service

*Dangers on the Road to Jericho:
The Challenge of the Parable of the
Good Shepherd*

All events are free and open to the public

Amy-Jill Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, and Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science. For more information go to:

www.mobilecjdialogue.org

Happening #67

November 6-8

All Saints, Birmingham

Happening is a youth led weekend for 10-12th graders. During the three-day weekend, participants spend time considering the person and teaching of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding. Apply online at: www.dioala.org/ministries/senior-high-events.html
The deadline for Happening applications is October 23.

BBQ & Blues at Lillian

Lillian's biggest fall fun event has been scheduled to take place at the **Episcopal Church of the Advent County Road 99**
Saturday, October 24
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..
Admission is free

Profits from this event will help with outreach to Camp Happy Sands, The Refuge for Women, Camp Beckwith, Wilmer Hall, and The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Cathedral Prayer List

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Brink Brinkley, Butch Trawick, Alice Carwie, Katherine Deaton, Hank Cobb, Smitty Vanek, Jordan Moore, Donna Moreé

Friends & Family:

Peggy Naughton, Gary Davis, Harrison Leff, Michael Cameron, Nancy & Don Cameron, Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Joyce Lee, Davis Nelson, Michael Sumrall, Gwen Cook, Alfred Showers, Jim Elia, Anne Brown, Mark Brown, Harriett Lillich, Dave Carlyn Block, Rachel McClanahan, Tom Cunningham, Francis Grace Hirs, Norma Beazley, Curtis Bullock, Valerie Boatman, Ann Jones, Hank Wozniak, Lisa Thompson, Stella Phillips, James Thomas, Ted Fraiche, Mark Miles, Tot Swanson, Art Swanson, Hayden Jenkins, Maggie Jenkins, Betty Ruth Patek, Carolyn Pryor, Merle Findley, Louise Douglas, Shirley & Dunlap Peeples, Steve Harris, Marian Macpherson Currie, Kit & Roger Geil and the Geil family, Angel & Larry Torres, Kathy Boucvalt, Bill Stevens, Ginger Simpson, Karen Sentilles, Lila Fisk, Tracey Johnson, Joe Lowrey, Temple Webber, Betty Browder, Allan Tucker, Wyatt Ison, Kathy Sanders, Clarise Waters, Glenn Hill, Leslie Ellis Sharbel, Cora Lemmon, Marian Hall, Homer Kemp, Jane Behlen, Dan Jones, Florence Tucker, Betty Larison, Carolyn Graham, Ralph and Catherine Neal, Willie Thomas, Mark Mason, Anita Stead, Tim Fulton, Bennett Stenger,

Gladys Crowson, Billy Yost, Noel Fell, the Ward Family, Sybil Willis Rodgers, Hap Myers, Jr., Paul Vickers, Sr., George Robison, Georgia Dominick, Robin Wade, Randy Moore, Rick Nichols, Kate Heddrich, Julie Brinson, Ceaser Bryant, Moana Karstater, Dianne McCall, Icy Lee Neel, Frances Robison, Jim McCall, Emily Hubbard, Mike Dowers, Jason Lockwood, Ainsely McNeely, Pat Fisher, Bubba Murray, Joleen Patrick, Sally McNeely, Bernice Vickers, Jerry Collins, Grady McMillan, Bobby Moss, Sade McCall, Polly Garner, Kerry Goode, The Rev. John Rees, Dayton Lanford, Chris Schnieder, Liz Charbonnet Talmadge, John Day Peake, Jr.

Sara Phillips, Pastoral Leader, Mary's, Coden

Those Serving in the Military:

Brian Caselton, Louis Coggin, Jonathan Duralde, Tyler Gamble, Sam Garcia, Darrien Gibson, Parker Hollinghead, Kelley Hood, Brian Hudson, Abby Hutchins, Randy Johnson, Ron Lansong, Jean-Michael Lemieux, Chris Marslender, Zack Miller, Todd & Jordana Mouthaan, Keith Moss, Michael Nassar, Jerry Olin, Brian Pennell, Josh Power, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Susan Reniewicz, Evan Sizemore, John Snyder, Conner Thigpen, Ryan Anthony Thomas, Ryan Walker, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff

Souls Departed:

John Aduston Rogers IV
Sidney Clarke Phillips, Jr.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Virginia Van Antwerp Buck Baker Owen Cogswell Rebecca Tait
October 3	Sonny Burchfield
October 4	Meg McGovern Richard Wright
October 5	Tom Halbrooks
October 7	Virginia Inge W. C. Hines Abby Slaton Bubba Watkins
October 8	Tricia Coggin Janaé Wilson
October 9	Leslie Ladd
October 11	Bobbie Beltz Catherine DeLaney Mary Esther Elliott Johnny Gwin Richard Jeffers IV Erica McElhaney Margaret Thigpen
October 12	Eleanor Baker Ed Crowson
October 13	Stephanie Hopper Homer McClure
October 14	Raymond Fields
October 16	Jordan Chow Malcolm Warren
October 17	Katy Patton
October 18	Hilary McLeod
October 19	Mikell Leland George Morton Ella Phillips George Wetzler
October 20	Kristin Butler
October 22	Ponnie McClelland Edward Ladd Will Sledge
October 23	Chris Douglas
October 24	Peggy McClelland Charlie Van Antwerp Morgan Williamson
October 27	Corinna Luce
October 30	Richard Jeffers III Charlie White
October 31	John Ferguson Bennett Griffith Catherine Taylor Ashley White

Please contact the Cathedral Office (office@christchurchcathedralmobile.org or 438-1822) to let us know if you would like to remove or keep the names of Friends and Family you have submitted on the prayer list. We will update this list regularly.

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The Cathedral is the spiritual center of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. The Cathedral is a dynamic and evolving church that serves as a liturgical, educational, and pastoral center for Diocesan life. It serves as a visible symbol of unity and promotes growth, hope, and a deepening trust in the Lord. The Cathedral is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be faithfully preached and responded to, and it will model new concepts and ideas for education, evangelism, and outreach to which the Gospel calls us.